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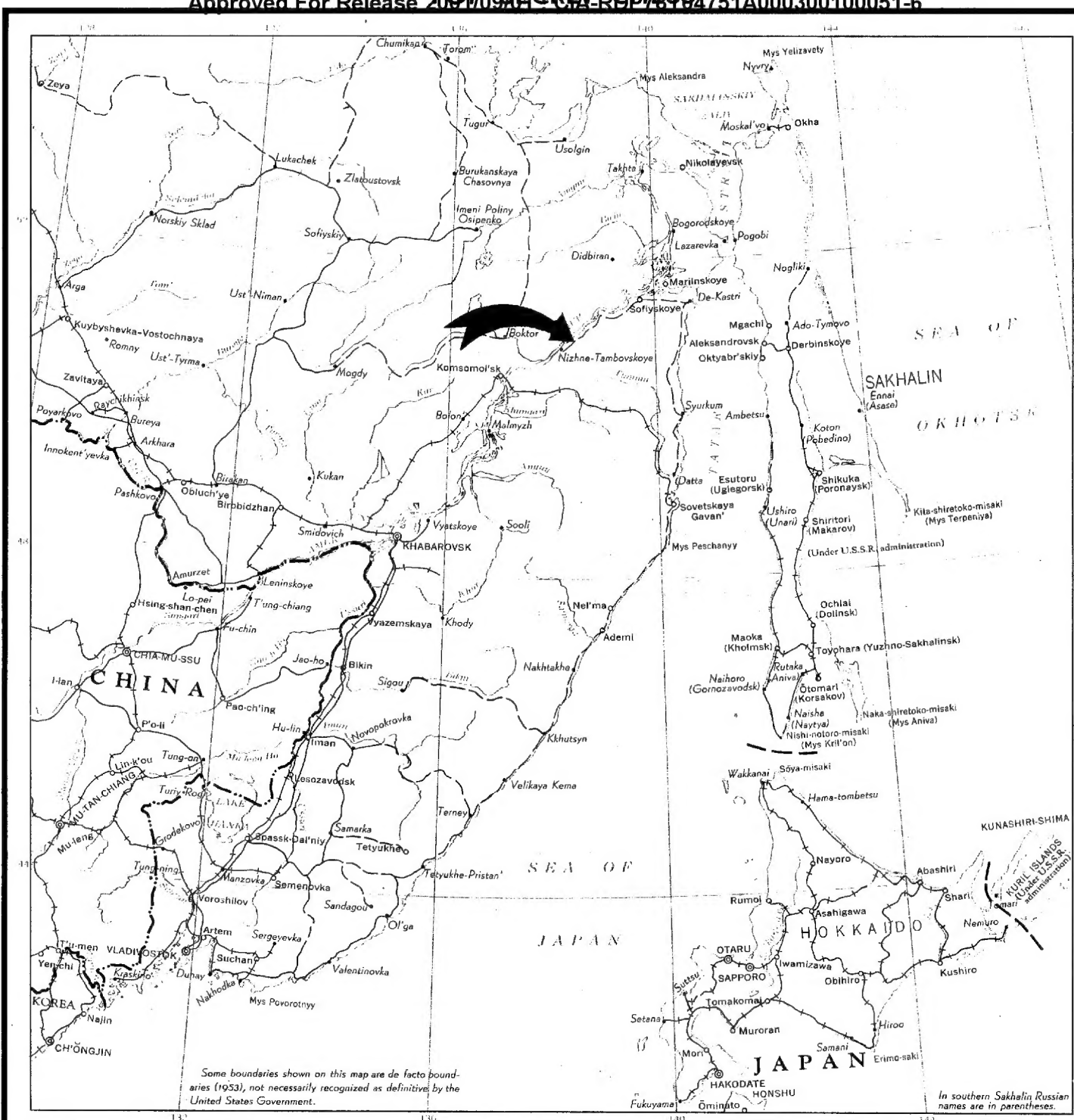
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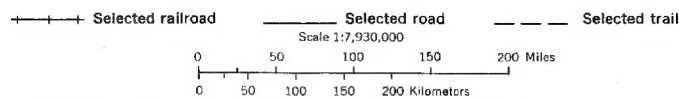
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RAIL SPUR AND CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY NORTHEAST OF KOMSOMOLSK, USSR

25X1D An area of constructional activity including two rail spurs, approximately 55 nautical miles northeast of Komsomolsk, USSR appears on [REDACTED] photography. It is being analyzed because of possible association of rail spurs with guided missile activity. It is located at 51°00'N/138°18'E, approximately midway between Nizhne-Tambovskoye and Shel-ekhovo, along the rail line connecting Komsomolsk to De-Kastri on the Tatar Strait. The area lies approximately one nautical mile southeast of the Amur River.

25X1D The main activity lies along the rail line within a distance of approximately one and one-third nautical miles (Figure 1). In the northeast part of the area a rail spur branches from the south side of the main rail line for approximately 560 feet. Snow has been cleared from the end of the spur line 1,800 feet for a possible extension to the existing spur track. If this extension is completed the spur will be 2,360 feet long and the extreme end will probably be oriented on azimuths of approximately [REDACTED]

Several ground patterns lie along the north side of the main track. Some of these are roads cleared of snow. Two parallel possible fence lines lie on either side of one of the cleared roads. Probable snow fences to protect the railroad are located at two other places.

Near the southwest end of the area another rail spur leads from the south side of the main track for 340 feet and serves a probable coal pile. Two associated small buildings are near the junction of the spur with the main track. The spur line possibly continues on for another 770 feet but this can not be definitely determined because of snow cover. Near the end of this possible section are two buildings and an unidentified structure. This structure has a ramp-like shape with possible material stacked at one end.

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Fig. 1

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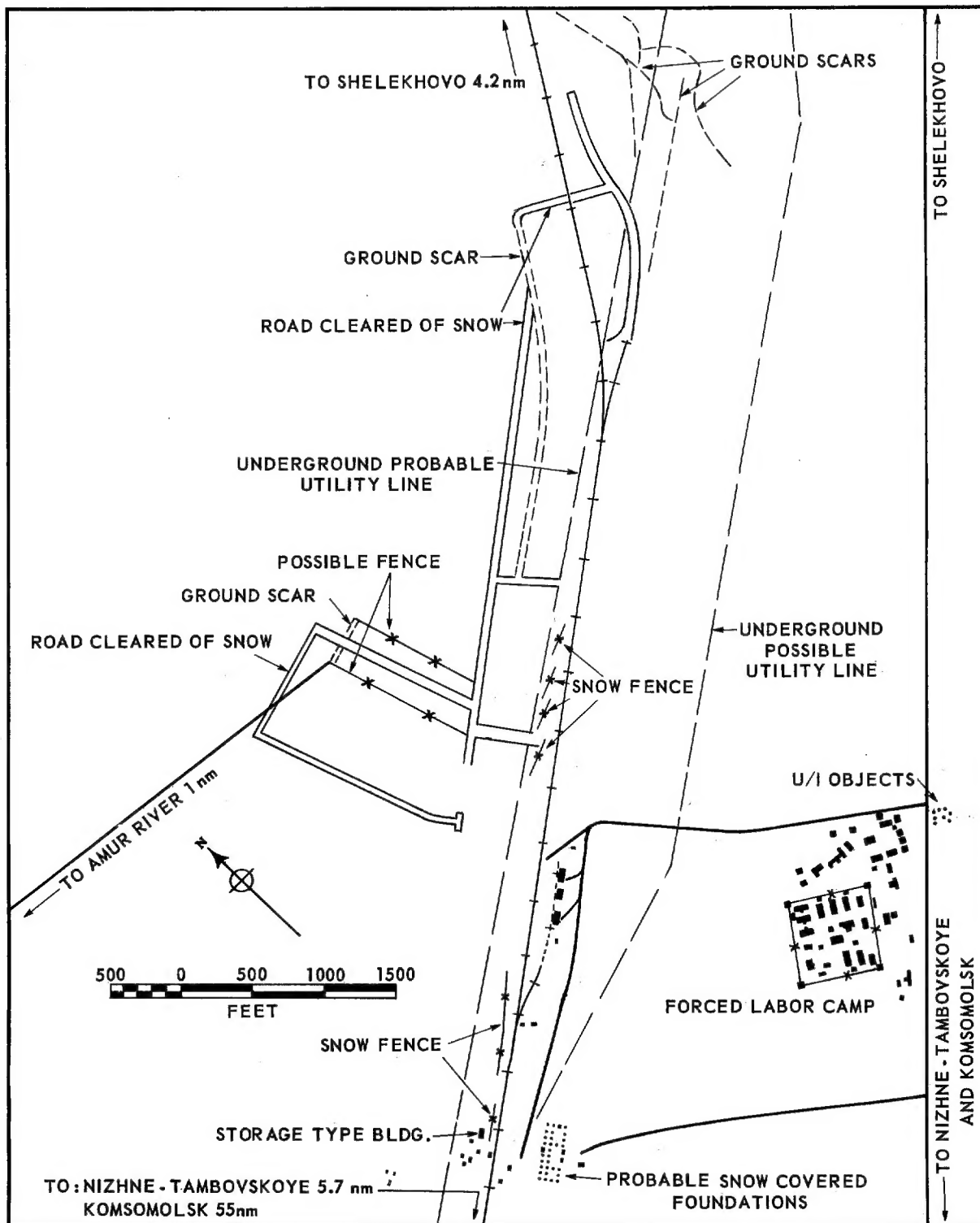


Fig. 2

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South-southeast of this spur line approximately 900 feet is a rectangular area 575 by 200 feet containing five small buildings and 26 or 27 probable snow covered building foundations.

On the opposite side of the main line track from the probable snow covered foundations there are several other small buildings and one larger storage-type building 70 by 25 feet. The purpose of this area cannot be determined. Except for the storage-type building it does not appear to be significant.

A fenced forced-labor camp, approximately 600 feet square, is located east of the probable snow covered foundations. It contains 15 large and 9 small buildings having a total of approximately 37,000 square feet of floor space. Other buildings probably used for administration and quarters for guards and other personnel are outside the enclosure.

In addition to the railroad the area is served by a 20-foot-wide road, surface undetermined, that joins Shelekhovo to Nizhne-Tombovskoye and Komsomolsk. An underground probable utility line, type undetermined, traverses the area in an approximate northeast-southwest direction. Another possible underground utility line, oriented in the same general direction, leads northeast from the probable snow covered foundations. It bends to the left and joins the probable utility line at a point approximately 5,000 feet northeast of the junction of the first rail spur discussed and the main rail line.

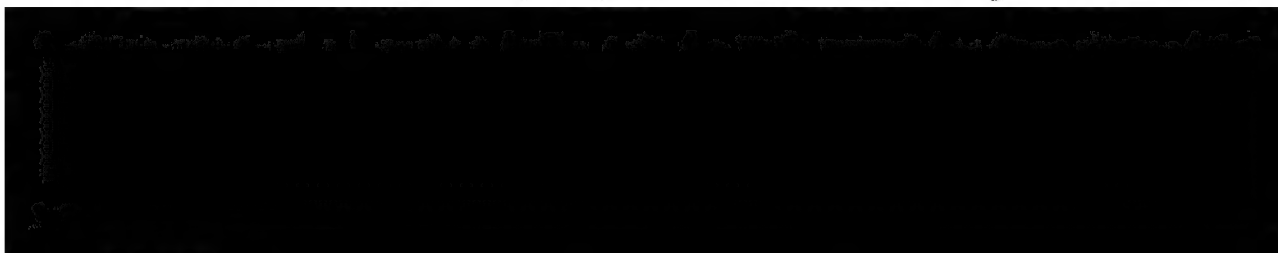
Analysis of the area reveals no indications of guided missile activity at the time of photography.

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REQUIREMENT: This Joint Photographic Intelligence Memorandum has been prepared by Army and CIA in partial answer to Army requirement SRI-39-1-58 and CIA requirement RR/E/R44/58, requesting an analysis of railroad spurs possibly associated with guided missiles.



MAP DATA:

USAF Pilotage Chart 203B (Low Altitude) (C)

AMS Series N504, Sheets NM 54-1 and 54-4 (U)

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